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Almighty and Eternal Heavenly Father, as we pause to reflect upon thy mysteries we are overcome in humility. Wise and confident amidst our peers in thy presence sight we cannot lift our heads. Thou hast created the Universe - and we who have just begun to comprehend its absolute incomprehensible nature. Thou hast created the world out of nothing; and we, armed with our science and technology still fail to understand its fluctuations. In loving concern and infinite wisdom thou hast created life, and affection and happiness. In joyful adoration we lift our prayer to thee, One God - world without end.

O Thou, from whom every good thing flows, we give thee thanks for all we have. For life itself - its joys and disappointments, for the inspiring experience of encountering each other in friendship. We give thee thanks O God, for thy holy church ——

—— for this our church
— for schools + colleges
— for our nation.

O Thou who hast created all people, and established all nations we humbly beseech thee to look with favor upon our estranged and embattled world. Give patience + responsibility to leaders; tolerance and acceptance to rival ideologies.

— for the U.N. — that through its troubles and disputes the light of human brotherhood may shine

O God we ask for special guidance as we approach our annual meeting. May our decisions be truly acceptable in thy sight. May they be motivated only by the desire to better serve thee. Help us each one to discover thy will for our lives and to do it.

O thou who art all merciful we ask that — be with those less fortunate, sick, downtrodden, exploited, victims of prejudice. Give courage to all those who combat evil + ignorance. May their efforts be rewarded with satisfaction.

Comfort to the thousands - who mourn -

We pray knowing thou hast heard - and are always near. In Jesus Christ we have seen thy love + suffering on our behalves - in his name we pray